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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A method of monitoring a computer network for specified events at a presence, comprising:

gathering heterogeneous data, as directed by the presence, at two or more remote computers and placing the gathered data in a data stream and forwarding the data stream to the presence;

receiving, at the presence, the at least one data stream sent from the two or more remote computers, the data stream including data representative of events; and

applying rules to the at least one data stream at the presence for sorting data representative of events and for taking one or more actions based on a specified event.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said gathering step is performed by an agent.

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(Amended) An article usable to monitor a computer

 network for specified events at a presence, comprising:

at least one sequence of machine executable instructions;

a medium bearing the executable instructions in machine readable form, wherein execution of the instructions by one or more processors causes the one or more processors to:

gather heterogeneous data, as directed by the presence, at two or more remote computers and place the gathered data in a respective data stream to the presence;

receive at least one data stream at the presence, the data stream including data representative of events; and

apply rules to the data stream at the presence, for sorting data representative of events and for taking one or more actions based on a specified event.

24. (Amended) A computer architecture for monitoring a computer network at a presence for specified events, comprising:

gathering means, at two or more remote computers, for gathering heterogeneous data, as directed by the presence, and placing the data in a respective data stream and forwarding the data stream to the presence;

receiving means, at the presence, for receiving at least one data stream at a computer, the data stream including data representative of events; and

applying means, at the presence, for applying rules to the at least one data stream for sorting data representative of events and for taking one or more actions based on a specified

event.

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26. (Amended) A computer system usable to monitor a computer network for specified events at a presence, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to said processor, the memory having stored therein sequences of instructions, which, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform the steps of:

gathering heterogeneous data, as directed by the presence, at two or more remote computers and placing the gathered data in a respective data stream to the presence;

receiving at least one data stream at the presence, the data stream including data representative of events; and

applying rules to the data stream at the presence for sorting data representative of events and for taking one or more actions based on a specified event.

Please add new claims 28 and 29 as follows:

--28. The method of claim 1, wherein said gathering step includes collecting/generating data at the two or more remote computers.

29. The method of claim 1, wherein said gathering and receiving step are performed in real-time--.

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